AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, before line 1, please insert the following two (2) paragraphs, including a section heading:

--GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

This invention was made with Government support under Contract No. DMR94-00362 awarded by NSF/MRSEC and Contract No. F49620-96-1-0277 awarded by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. The government has certain rights in this invention.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/212,661, filed on August 5, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/449,801, filed on November 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent Number 6,451,415, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Applications with Serial Numbers 09/136,342, 09/136,166, 09/136,377, 09/136,165; and 09/136,164, each filed on August ~~18~~19, 1998, now U.S. Patent Numbers 6,352,777, 6,297,495, 6,278,055, 6,198,092 and 6,198,091, respectively. --.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 30, with the following replacement paragraph:

--Alternatively, it is apparent from measurements of h_{INT} that an increased h_P can be achieved in a concentrator configuration where photons are forced to make multiple passes through the thin absorbing region. It should be appreciated regarding embodiment 1000 that light incident on a transparent face of the device can generally be reflected once off of an opposite interior reflecting layer and then either absorbed or possibly transmitted back out of the device. Device configurations are described in co-pending U.S. patent application No. 09/449,800 ~~Attorney docket number 10644/50501~~ ("~~50501~~ '800 Application") (incorporated herein by reference) which cause any light admitted to a device to be reflected multiple times to increase absorption efficiency. --.